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Amendment to the Specification:

Amend the first paragraph on page 14 of the specification, lines 1-15 as follows:

In addition to the above, in one embodiment, at least one server system 102, as well as one or more of the client systems, support object-oriented programming and object-oriented concepts. Object-oriented programming and concepts are described, for example, in CORBA A Guide To Common Object Request Broker Architecture, by Ron Ben-Natan, McGraw-Hill Publishers (1995), and Object- Oriented Programming Using SOM and DSOM, by Christina Lau, Van Nostrand Reinhold Publishers (1994), both of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. CORBA is further described in "CORBA 2.2/IIOP Specification," available at WWW.OMG.ORG/library/C2INDEX.HTML, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.